**.Partners in Commissioning Minutes 2nd October 2019**

**Maple Centre, Huntingdon**

**Attendees:** Sarah Conboy, Marian Cullen, Sarah-Jane Smedmore, Karlene Allen, Jackie King, Esther Harris, Helene Carr, Helen Andrews, Jon Lewis, Toni Bailey

**Apologies:** Fay Dutton, Richard Holland, Christine Stoker-Gibson, Sasha Long

**1.**Sarah Welcomed attendees and introduction were made.

**2 - SEND priorities for Cambs -Jon Lewis:**

Slides tabled – not for sharing outside of this meeting.

Key point to note:

* Toni Bailey recruited as new SEND Assistant Director
* CCC focusing on the implementation of work which has been in development for some time, including the launch of the SEND Strategy and Action Plan, SEMH review publication.
* Awaiting confirmation of financial resources for CCC following Treasury announcement – may alleviate previous threat of significant cuts. Identified need to invest in SAT Team.
* CCC reporting reduction in complaints from parents
* Best Start in Life programme (0-5) getting children ready for school and focus on phonics intended to improve all pupils’ outcomes. Remaining KS2 outcomes issues.
* Expect CCC consultation on budgets in November. Tabled the possibility of meeting with parents around funding.
* Focus groups planned with Toni Bailey to meet with parents.
* Creation of specialist teacher team focusing on whole school improvement for SEND – understanding autism, SEND and SEND support.
* Finite resource – we want schools to be specialists in their own right.

SJC requested JL provide information about EHCPs requests to understand how Pinpoint may assist with increased parental engagement

ACTION JL to ask SAT Team to provide headline ECHP data about number of applications, number successful and unsuccessful and geographic spread.

JL offered to work with Pinpoint to address issues relating to schools.

It was noted that the SEND District teams have changed and that Educational Psychology Team are working to provide a new SEN Support focused advisory service to schools. PP have been involved in recommending this proactive approach.

There is a new emerging ‘SENCO Squad’ who are proactively offering support for school improvement and SENCo support. Again, this was welcomed.

**3 – Peterborough City Council (PCC) SEND Inspection and implications for Cambridgeshire**

Slides tabled by JL

Observed that the current inspection expected full implementation of all SEND changes.

Noted that PCC was judged against school/college five-day placement expectation, which was unexpected and considered by LA to unachievable financially.

PCC received a written statement of action. It was anticipated that CCC might have similar challenges meeting the inspector’s expectations.

**4 – Future Commissioning - Helene Carr**

It was identified that there is an inherent difficulty as children’s commissioning is 0-18 but the expectation of the Act is 0-25 years. CCC and PCC will need to resolve this.

Commissioning intentions were tabled.

1. Recommission of short breaks.
   1. Benchmarking LINK
   2. positive behavior support service (Pam Parker previously presented to PiC) – starting to have a real impact – identifying children and offering families support and strategies at home.
2. Launching community short breaks
3. Mediation service recommissioning.
4. Contract monitoring of CHUMS 0-25 – the significant volume remains the key issue. CCC are addressing the issues raised at the last PiC meeting.
5. Autism Strategy was 0 -25 and will become all age in line with national changes
6. Children’s Commissioning website – part of it to be focus/forum based (to enable participation and engagement).

**4 – Future Commissioning - Karlene Allen**

Observations:

* Frustrations about the result of SEND inspection particularly around the role of DCO but to take this as an opportunity and paper to CPFT Exec seeking additional resources.
* Lots of pockets of excellent work going on but might not be labelled as SEND
* Fair assessments on waiting times
* Looking at autism strategy and SEND strategy

**5 – Feedback – All**

CHUMS – already covered under item 3.

Transport –We already have a joint Transport Charter. The issues already surfaced in paper to new CCC/PCCC SEND Executive Board – tendering not understood by parents, tendering changes coincide with summer holidays and start of new academic year but causes communications challenges and change issues for service users. Could anything be done to look at how we could reduce impact on users including timing tendering differently? Medical needs and school transport are problematic, and parents are concerned about risk. Some children not accessing school and some now suing medical ambulances. CCC actively trying to resolve and PP would be pleased to hear updates.

ACTION: JL and MC will raise with Hazel Belchamber as the lead officer, who will work with HC to resolve.

ACTION SC to circulate Transport Charter to all

**6 – Topics and dates for future meetings and meeting dates**

Transport update

ACTION TB to invite Hazel Belchamber to attend and provide an update

ACTION – all to propose additional items ahead of next meeting.

Date of next meeting s: 3 Feb 10-12 and 6 May 10-12

1. **AOB**

None requested

Meeting closed.